Program A: Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates

Program Authorization: R.S. 15:824 and R.S. 33:1432; R.S. 574.2-574.21; R.S. 15:1111; Hayes Williams, et al v. John McKeithen, et al CA 71-98b (M.D. La.)

Program Description

The mission of the Sheriff's Housing Program to provide a safe and secure environment for the adult male and female offenders and juveniles who have been committed to state custody and are awaiting transfer to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), Corrections Services. Due to space limitations in state correctional institutions, the DPS&C, Corrections Services, continues its partnership with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and other local governing authorities by utilizing parish and local jails for housing offenders. The state reimburses sheriffs at the rate of \$22.39 per day (FY 2002-2003 rate) per state inmate housed in local jails. The state also reimburses juvenile detention centers \$88.01 (FY 2002-2003 rate) per day per offender for those pending secure placement in accordance with Act 1018 of 2001. Louisiana houses more state offenders in local jails than any other state.

According to a 2000 Legislative Fiscal Office survey, 14 of 16 Southern Legislative Conference states surveyed confined inmates in local jails. The shifting of inmates to the local level has caused some jails to house inmates in excess of designed capacities. Of the ten state reporting local jail capacity data, state inmates filled approximately 18.8% of those beds. Local jail populations exceed reported capacity in five of the eight states reporting total jail populations. In Louisiana, state prisoners generally occupy about 45% of the prisoner beds available in local prisons.

Because of the critical need for close coordination between state and local government in the management of prison and jail bed space, the DPS&C, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and other interested parties have forged a Community Corrections Partnership to assure maximum efficiency in the system. Assistance in the construction of new jail space, effective utilization of the space, and a joint monitoring and quality assurance mechanism are key components. The department and local public entities agree to provide jail space in excess of local needs in exchange for the state's commitment to utilize a fixed percentage of the space. This arrangement enables financing of the facility when other options are not available and allows expansion of the number of beds for local use as well as state use. As of September 2002, the department has 30 cooperative endeavor agreements for adult beds, all of which has been approved by the Division of Administration.

The department and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association have jointly developed a comprehensive set of basic jail guidelines, which must be followed by any parish prison or local detention facility as a condition of housing state inmates. This voluntary quality assurance effort has done much to ensure that the basic conditions under which state inmates are housed in local facilities are safe and constitutional.

The goal of the Sheriffs' Housing of State Inmates Program is to continue the Community Corrections Partnership, which utilizes parish and local jails for housing offenders committed to the state's custody and awaiting transfer to Corrections Services and through the program.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct) STATE GENERAL FUND BY:	\$144,999,128	\$144,921,284	\$144,921,284	\$159,894,266	\$159,420,021	\$14,498,737
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$144,999,128	\$144,921,284	\$144,921,284	\$159,894,266	\$159,420,021	\$14,498,737
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	144,999,128	144,921,284	144,921,284	159,894,266	159,420,021	14,498,737
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$144,999,128	\$144,921,284	\$144,921,284	\$159,894,266	\$159,420,021	\$14,498,737
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded entirely with State General Fund.

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION	
\$144,921,284	\$144,921,284	0	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003	
\$0	\$0	0	BA-7 TRANSACTIONS: None	
\$144,921,284	\$144,921,284	0	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002	
\$14,972,982 (\$474,245)	\$14,972,982 (\$474,245)	0	Workload Adjustments - fund increased inmate population housed by sheriffs Transfer out to 08-450 -Adult Community Based Rehabilitation Services - funding for the Lafayette Community Correctional Center	
\$159,420,021	\$159,420,021	0	TOTAL RECOMMENDED	
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS	
\$159,420,021	\$159,420,021	0	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004	
\$0	\$0	0	SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE: None	
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE	
\$159,420,021	\$159,420,021	0	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

OTHER CHARGES

\$152,099,434 \$100,000	Provides for the housing of 18,463 state inmates in parish and local jails and 700 work release inmates. Provides the reimbursement of extraordinary medical expenses incurred by sheriffs and police departments for state inmates housed in parish and local
	jails.
\$658,800	Provides an additional payment of \$3 per day for the Intensive Supervision Program.
\$2,203,363	Provides for Vernon Parish, Sabine Parish, Natchitoches Parish and Morehouse Parish Law Enforcement Districts debt retirement.
\$4,358,424	Provides for medical/psychiatric payments to Orleans Parish Sheriff for the adult and juvenile offenders incarcerated in the Orleans parish jail.
\$159,420,021	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

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ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.